

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/617,291	HAUER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vinh T Luong	3682	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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 (2) Wayne M. Kennard. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 April 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-19.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lin (USP # 4,708,676); Dickerson (USP # 4,875,386); and Hamasaka (USP # 3,937,629).

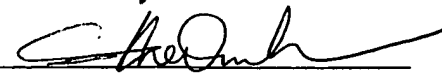
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Vinh T. Luong
 Primary Examiner


 Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant contended, inter alia, that: (a) Lin does not teach the control means and deformable section; (b) Dickerson does not teach the deformable section; and (c) Hamasaka also does not teach the deformable section. The Examiner respectfully submitted, inter alia, that: (a) Lin's Fig. 7 shows that the buoy ring 2 performs as a control means similarly to a steering wheel and Lin's section 22 is deformable since it is made of an elastic material as pointed out in the Office action on 12/15/04; (b) Dickerson's lever 18 is deformable when the operator rests the hand thereon as seen in Figs. 1-5; and (c) Hamasaka's lever 18 is deformable when the operator rests the hand and applies sufficient pressure thereon. The Examiner respectfully suggested Applicant to claim the patentable distinguishing structures such as the stitches 613 in Fig. 6 rather than the intended use or inherent results.